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[Inclosure No. 1.]

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE,  
Port Townsend, Wash., February 7, 1900.

To steamship companies and others:

An order having been issued by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service that hereafter all eggs, yams, sugar cane and similar articles packed in soil, coming from plague-infected ports, should be disinfected at this end unless viséed by an officer of the Service at the port of departure, I have to request that you notify your agents in foreign ports of the order and ask that they have articles of this nature placed in the hold in one compartment, and in such a position that they will be readily accessible on arrival here. This arrangement has been made with companies running lines to other ports on this coast, and will expedite the quarantine inspection here, which is our constant effort as well as your own.

Any further information we can supply on this matter will be cheerfully given.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE,  
Port Townsend, Wash., February 7, 1900.

Collector of Customs, Port Townsend, Wash.:

SIR: An order has been issued by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service that hereafter all eggs, yams, sugar cane, and similar articles packed in soil, coming from plague-infected ports, should be disinfected at this end unless viséed by an officer of the Service at the port of departure. I understand that sometimes articles of the above description are brought into this country from Vancouver by rail and the steamship *North Pacific*. I have, therefore, to request that you instruct your inspectors at Seattle and here to observe that all articles packed in soil from Hongkong and Kobe are viséed by an officer of the Service at the port of departure or else to hold them pending your instructions. Upon your notifying me of the detention of such articles, I will provide for their disinfection.

*Smallpox in Jefferson County, Ala.*

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., February 13, 1900.

SIR: Inclosed I hand you smallpox report for year 1899, for Jefferson County, Ala., which also includes report of cases on hand in county hospital, February 5, 1900. The transmission of this report has been delayed by the misplacement or loss of a report on typhoid fever, diphtheria, and other infectious diseases, in Birmingham, Ala., for the year 1899, which had been made out for your Department. I have no blank on which to duplicate it, but will take pleasure in making a new one if you send the required blank.

Respectfully,

JNO. W. BARCLAY,  
County Health Officer.

[Inclosure.]

*Number of cases of smallpox occurring in Jefferson County, Ala., during the year 1899.*

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., February 5, 1900.

	Cases.	Males.	Females.	Deaths.
White .....	19	15	4	a 3
Colored .....	131	114	17	a 3
Total .....	150	129	21	6

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*Number of cases in hospital, Jefferson County, Ala., February 5, 1900.*

	Cases.	Males.	Females.
White.....	6	0	6
Colored .....	80	80	0
Total .....	86	80	6

*Smallpox in Evansville, Ind.*EVANSVILLE, IND., *February 12, 1900.*

SIR : I have the honor to make the following report of the number of smallpox cases in the isolation hospital for the week ended February 11, 1900: On hand February 5, 1900, 10; admitted during week, 11; discharged during week, none; died during week, none; remaining, 21.

There have been 31 cases of smallpox from December 28, 1899, to date, with no deaths. Of these, but 3 have been among river men. The disease has been of a mild type, equally distributed among whites and blacks. The cases when discovered are promptly removed to the isolation hospital, where they are cared for by the quarantine officer. The premises are disinfected and a quarantine of fourteen days established for those who have been exposed, which is enforced by a detail of the local police.

Respectfully,

W. A. KORN,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.**Smallpox in Shreveport, La.*SHREVEPORT, LA., *February 9, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the cases of smallpox treated in the pesthouse here for the week ended Saturday, February 3, 1900. (Delay in transmitting due to an error of 19 cases unaccounted for, which was not corrected until to-day.)

Remaining under treatment at close of last report, 59; of which 2 were white and 57 were colored. Admitted during the week, white, none; colored, 14; total, 14. Total to be accounted for, white, 2; colored, 71; total, 73. Discharged, white, none; colored, 8; total, 8. Died, white, none; colored, 4; total, 4.

Remaining under treatment at close of this report, white, 2; colored, 59; total, 61. Of the 14 admitted to the pesthouse last week, 3 were suspects held in suspect camp, located a short distance from pesthouse, as against 6 for the week before.

Comparing the last two reports, it is shown the situation has greatly improved:

	Last week.	Week before.
Remaining under treatment.....	61	59
Admissions.....	14	41
Discharged.....	8	21
Died.....	4	10

There have been no new cases developed among the white population here, and treated at their respective residences, as was the case with the 9; 7 reported in report for week ended January 17, and 2 which should have been reported for the week before last. \* \* \*

Respectfully,

A. R. BOOTH,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*